
Office of Public Instruction

🍏 Indian Education Program 🍏

State Superintendent Linda McCulloch places a high priority on improving the education of American Indian students in Montana and fully implementing Indian Education for All (MCA 20-1-501). The Indian Education Program serves two purposes. The first is to assure that American Indian students in Montana receive a quality and equitable education. The second is to assure that ALL students leave the public education system with an understanding of the rich history and contemporary issues of Montana's Indians. This obligation is outlined in the Montana Constitution under Article X, Section 1(2): *"The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity."* The Indian Education Office is dedicated to providing leadership, education and information to school districts, students, parents, and educational agencies in the state of Montana. The program functions include:

- 🍏 Provides assistance to educators and parents to improve education for Montana's American Indian students;
- 🍏 Develops effective strategies to reduce Indian student drop out rates;
- 🍏 Identifies and conducts training for educators in the development and implementation of exemplary and proven Indian education learning models;
- 🍏 Provides research and publications to schools on the implementation of "Indian Education for All" (MCA 20-1-501);
- 🍏 Analyzes American Indian student assessment data to monitor and improve the learning of American Indian students in Montana;
- 🍏 Provides staff support and resources for the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education's Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education;
- 🍏 Distributes information to the public on current American Indian education issues and challenges; and
- 🍏 Responds to requests for information.